

# State of Temessee

## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 375**

## By Representative Casada

### and

### Senator Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Henry Martin Cathey for his distinguished military service with the United States Army during World War II.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our state and nation, the distinguished military service of each and every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored, especially those honorable military veterans who served during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Martin Cathey of Spring Hill is one such individual who ably served this country and the United States Army as a member of Battery A of the 127<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion of the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during World War II; and

WHEREAS, entering the United States Army on November 8, 1942, Henry Cathey participated in some of the deadliest and fiercest combat to occur during the war and saw action at Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, the Ardennes, and the Rhineland; and

WHEREAS, after nearly three years of exemplary service, Private First Class Henry Martin Cathey received his honorable discharge on September 15, 1945, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and was thankfully able to return safely to his family and friends in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exemplary military service, Mr. Cathey was awarded a number of ribbons, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with one Silver Star and one Bronze Star, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in the line of fire and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Henry Cathey to the full extent of our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Henry Martin Cathey for his military service during World War II, applaud his dedication and bravery, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 12, 2011
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
RON RAMSEY PEAKER OF THE SENATE
APPROVED this day of 2011
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR